

SUBCHAPTER J—MISCELLANEOUS

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§ 350.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to prescribe regulations to implement the Merchant Marine Decorations and Medals Act of 1988, 46 App. USC 2001, *et seq.*, to authorize the issue of decorations, medals, and other recognition for service in the U.S. merchant marine, and for other purposes, and to provide for the replacement of awards previously issued for service in the United States Merchant Marine under prior law.

§ 350.2 Special medals and awards.

The Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Maritime Administrator, may award decorations and medals of appropriate design for individual acts or service in the U.S. Merchant Marine.

(a) *Medals, awards.* The Secretary may award the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Gallant Ship Unit Citation Award, as prescribed under sections 3 and 4 of Pub. L. 100-324.

(b) *Nominations.* Nominations for these awards shall be reviewed and submitted by the MARAD Merchant Marine Awards Committee to the Maritime Administrator for approval.

(c) *Inquiries.* Direct all inquiries concerning eligibility and procedures for the issuance of these medals to Chairperson, Merchant Marine Awards Committee, Office of Maritime Labor, Training and Safety, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

§ 350.3 Other original recognition of service.

Under the provision of Pub. L. 100-324, the Administrator has the authority to review original applications for the following decorations:

(a) *World War II Service.* (1) *Merchant Marine Emblem*, awarded to merchant seamen for service during World War II from the period December 7, 1941 to July 25, 1947;

(2) *Victory Medal*, awarded to merchant seamen who served as members of the crews of ships for 30 days or more during the period December 7, 1941 to September 3, 1945;

(3) *Honorable Service Button*, awarded to merchant seamen who served as members of the crews of ships for 30 days or more during the period December 7, 1941 to September 3, 1945;

(4) *Mariner's Medal*, awarded to merchant seamen who, while serving on a ship from December 7, 1941 to July 25, 1947, were wounded or suffered physical injury as a result of an act of an enemy of the United States;

(5) *Merchant Marine Combat Bar*, awarded to merchant seamen who served on a ship which, at the time of such service, was attacked or damaged by an instrumentality of war, from December 7, 1941 to July 25, 1947. A star is attached if the seaman was forced to abandon ship. For each additional abandonment, a star is added;

(6) *Merchant Marine Defense Bar and Medal*, awarded to merchant seamen who served on merchant vessels between September 8, 1939 to December 7, 1941;

(7) *Atlantic War Zone Bar and Medal*, awarded to merchant seamen who served in the Atlantic War Zone, including the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, Barents Sea, and the Greenland Sea, between December 7, 1941 and November 8, 1945;

(8) *Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone Bar and Medal*, awarded to merchant seamen who served in the zone including the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Sea, and Indian Ocean